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Careful review and examination of the subject application are noted and appreciated.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

The rejection of claims 1-17 and 20-21 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chang et al. (U.S. Pub. No. 2003/0101311; hereinafter Chang) is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The rejection of claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Chang in view of the USB/OTG standards is respectfully traversed and should be withdrawn.

The filing date of the present application, February 11, 2002, is prior to the earliest effective filing date, September 25, 2002, of Chang. Therefore, Chang does not appear to be a proper prior art reference. Specifically, the earliest priority date of Chang under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is September 25, 2002. In particular, Chang has a filing date of September 25, 2002 (see Chang at page 1, item (22)), but claims a foreign application priority date of September 28, 2001 (see Chang at page 1, item (30)). MPEP § 706.02(f)(1)(D) states:

Foreign applications' filing dates that are claimed (via 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), (f), or 365(a)) in applications, which have been published as U.S. or WIPO application publications or patented in the U.S., may **not** be used as 35 U.S.C. 102(e) dates for prior

art purposes. This includes international filing dates claimed as foreign priority dates under 35 U.S.C. 365(a). (emphasis in original).

Thus, since Chang has been published as a U.S. application publication, the foreign application filing date claimed by Chang **CANNOT** be used as a 35 U.S.C. 102(e) date for prior art purposes. Therefore, the earliest priority date of Chang under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is the filing date of Chang, September 25, 2002.

Because the earliest effective filing date of Chang is after the filing date of the present invention, Chang is not prior art against the presently pending claims. As such, the presently pending claims are fully patentable and the rejection should be withdrawn.

REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILE HISTORY IMAGE FILE WRAPPER

Applicants' representative respectfully requests that the Examiner review and correct the file history and image file wrapper for the pending application. Specifically, documents which do not pertain to the pending application have been mistakenly included in the file history and image file wrapper (see PAIR listing and document pages attached as Exhibit A). In particular, an Amendment, a RCE and a Petition for extension of time which pertain to U.S. Application Serial No. 10/273,434 have been mistakenly included in the file history and image file wrapper of the pending application. Applicants' representative respectfully requests that

the Examiner review the file history and image file wrapper and expunge the documents which should not have been matched to the pending application.

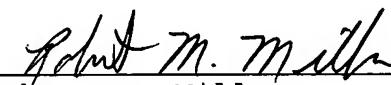
Accordingly, the present application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action by the Examiner is respectfully solicited.

The Examiner is respectfully invited to call the Applicants' representative should it be deemed beneficial to further advance prosecution of the application.

If any additional fees are due, please charge our office Account No. 50-0541.

Respectfully submitted,

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